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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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The listed U.S. Patent 5,958,132 corresponds to JP 05-262599, which was cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on May 30, 2006.

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